# Public Involvement in the Environmental Process

# **Scoping - Issue Idenfification**

#### **Meetings Held:**

Public Scoping Meetings

- August 9, 2006, Saratoga Springs
- August 10, 2006, Bluffdale

#### Meetings with Cities

- July 11, 2006, Lehi
- July 18, 2006, Saratoga Springs
- July 25, 2006, Bluffdale
- August 1, 2006, Eagle Mountain

#### Meetings with other stakeholders

- August 9, 2006, Camp Williams
- Coordinate with resource agencies LDS Church Property Management

#### **Public's Role:**

- Learn about the project
- Learn about the environmental review process
- Provide input on issues and concerns

## **What We Heard During Scoping:**

- SR-68 feels unsafe to drivers
- Bicycle lanes are needed for
- There is congestion, especially at intersections, and turning on to or off of SR-68 from driveways
- In the area near Camp Williams there is a lot of wildlife (deer) crossing the roadway
- Improvements are needed now

# **Purpose and Need**

#### **Activities:**

- Collect and analyze traffic and transportation data
- Define transportation needs
- Develop purpose and need statement for Environmental Assessment (EA)

## **Public's Role:**

- Provide input to project team on transportation needs along the corridor
- Check project web site for updates

## **Develop Alternatives**

#### **Activities:**

- Develop alternatives and design options to address the transportation needs
- Review community issues and concerns and incorporate into alternatives

## **Meetings Held:**

### Alternatives Open Houses

- December 6, 2006, Bluffdale
- December 7, 2006, Saratoga Springs

# **Public's Role:**

- Provide input to project team on alternatives
- Review Alternatives Newsletter and/or project web site
- Attend community open house meetings

# **Evaluate Impacts & Prepare Environmental Assessment (EA)**

#### **Activities:**

- Evaluate impacts of alternatives to the natural and built environment
- Coordinate with resource agencies
- Refine design to avoid or minimize impacts
- Identify the preferred alternative
- Advertise and hold public hearing to receive comments on the EA

#### Public's Role:

- Review the EA in local libraries or on web site
- Attend public hearing and provide comments
- Review EA Summary Newsletter

#### **Make Decision**

#### **Activities:**

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) makes decision on findings of the EA
- If no significant impact, prepare Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and proceed to design and construction
- If impacts are determined to be significant, prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

#### Public's Role:

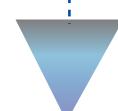
Review FHWA decision on web site

**June 2006** 

December 2006

**May 2007** 

**July 2007** 



**Final Design** 

**Right Of Way Acquisition** 

Construction

Summer '07 through Fall '08

Winter '07 through Fall '08

Fall '08 through Fall '10